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September 1 Crop Forecast

Based on a September 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **COTTON** crop is forecast at 640,000 bales, up 33 percent from last year. Cotton planted acres are estimated at 460,000 acres, 35 percent above last year. An estimated 440,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 30 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 698 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from last year.

Alabama **CORN** plantings are estimated at 270,000 acres, unchanged from the August estimate and last year. Corn production is forecast at 25.2 million bushels, down 3.8 million bushels from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 105 bushels, is down 11 bushels from 2010. An estimated 240,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 4 percent from last year and unchanged from the August 1 estimate.

SOYBEAN production is expected to total 8.26 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year's production of 8.97 million bushels. Based on the September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 28 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year's 26 bushels per acre yield. Planted acres remained unchanged from August 1 at 310,000 acres and harvested acres are estimated at 295,000.

This year's **PEANUT** crop is forecast at 434.2 million pounds, down 10 percent from 2010. An average yield of 2,600 pounds per acre is expected from 167,000 harvested acres.

CROP WEATHER: Tropical Storm Lee brought rain and wind to much of Alabama; however, the extent of the crop damage from flooding and wind is not yet known. September 1 crop conditions for cotton, corn, peanuts, and soybeans show the crops to be 8% very poor, 19% poor, 36% fair, 34% good and 3% excellent. Soil moisture levels as of September 3 were reported at 30% very short, 36% short, 25% adequate and 9% surplus.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, September 1

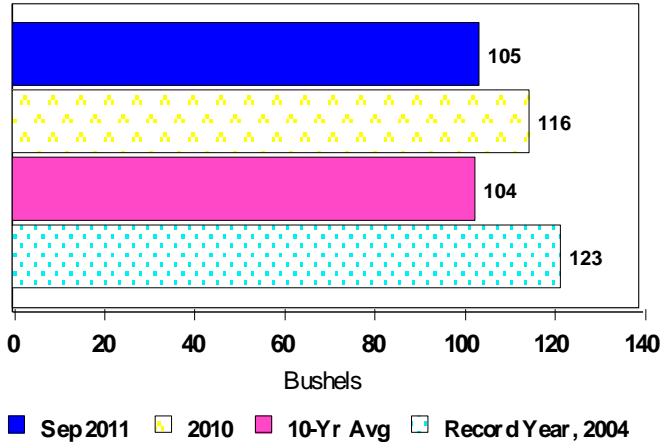
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
ALABAMA		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	340	460	338	440	682	698	480,000	640,000
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	270	250	240	116.0	105.0	29,000	25,200
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	780	800	2.40	2.00	1,872	1,600
Soybeans	Bu.	350	310	345	295	26	28	8,970	8,260
Peanuts	Lb.	190	170	185	167	2,600	2,600	481,000	434,200
UNITED STATES		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	10,770.0	14,431.0	10,698.7	9,849.5	812	807	18.1	16.6
Corn for grain	Bu.	88,192	92,282	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	12,446.9	12,497.1
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	77.65	67.00
Soybeans	Bu.	77,404.0	74,958.0	76,616.0	73,823.0	43.5	41.8	3,329.3	3,085.3
Peanuts	Lb.	1,228.0	1,147.0	1,255.0	1,114.0	3,311	3,104	4,155.6	3,457.9

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

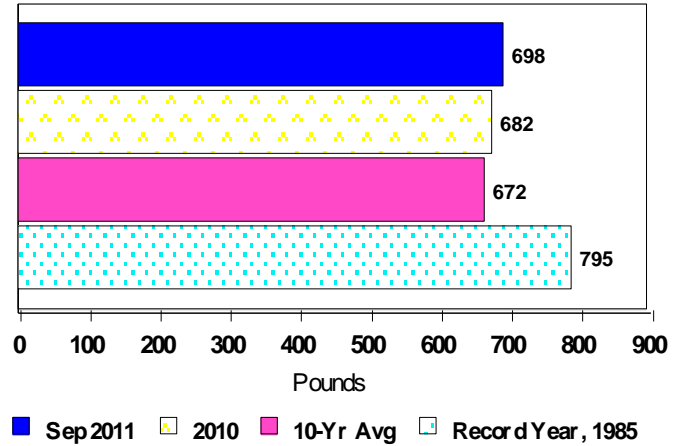
Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

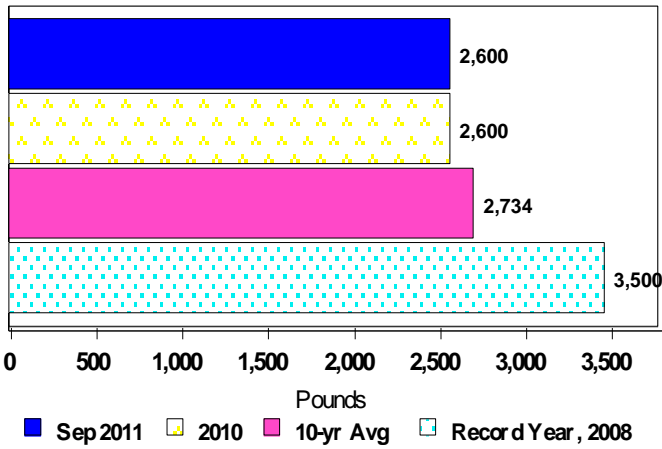
Corn Yield



Cotton Yield



Peanut Yield



Soybean Yield

